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COUNTRY **China**

REPORT

SUBJECT

Port of Tsingtao (piers, depths, sketch of port, cargo handling, + security)

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NAVAL ACTIVITY

1. **Tsingtao port located on the western side of Great Harbor**
there were seven submarines **berthed at a wharf at the naval base**
observed a total of 11 submarines. While unable to identify a class, the submarines were "long range".
The submarines were generally in good material condition.
2. **Two "destroyers"** **almost 400' in length) were maintained on patrol--one in the Outer Harbor and one in the Inner Harbor.**
3. **Four LST's were berthed on the north side of the pier**
The pier was cleared off and believed to be used for training since naval personnel were noted going through marching drills and occasionally boarding the LST's.
4. **two "old fashioned" seaplanes operating somewhere in the port area.**

MERCHANT SHIP ACTIVITY

5. **12 merchant ships in the port of Tsingtao** **and** **that about 10 merchant ships were in port**
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PORT FACILITIES

8. At the pier [] cargo was loaded on the [] freighter, using her own winches. After a portion of the cargo was loaded, the ship left her berth in the Great Harbor and anchored in the Inner Harbor. The next day she was berthed at the adjacent pier [] where the remainder of the cargo was loaded. [] the depth at the original berthing was about 28 feet at low tide. [] the depth at the second berthing was greater. []

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9. Cargo handling operations in the port of Tsingtao were very poor. [] no cranes in the vicinity. [] a floating crane used to place smaller mobile cranes on the deck of another vessel (unidentified).

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PORT SECURITY

10. [] in the Inner Harbor just outside the entrance to the Great Harbor when, at about 0630, the ship was boarded by customs officials, medical inspectors, and guards. The ship's crew was mustered on deck and the vessel searched by several parties of two or three men each. Instruments were not used and searchers appeared to be looking for bombs as they did not search small places such as small drawers of desks. After the search, two guards remained aboard until the ship tied up at the pier. Thereafter, the guards remained at the foot of the gangway. []

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